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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-36 and add new Claims 37-52 as follows:

2) 37. (New) A cutting device for performing cutting operations on a workpiece, said cutting device comprising:

a base adapted to receive said workpiece;